GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:417
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FEDERAL CRIMES
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government area actively pushing to slot terrorism, organised crimes and narcotics trafficking etc. as federal crimes;

(b) if so, whether this step has been taken in a bid to empower its investigating agencies to undertake covert operation to tackle crimes with national ramifications;

(c) if so, whether some State Governments had rejected this proposal;

(d) if so, the reasons therefore; and

(e) the time by which final decision in this regard is likely to be taken ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (I.D. SWAMI)

(a) to (d): The Government of India has proposed to set up of a federal agency, to deal with certain specified grave offences, which have inter-State and/or nation-wide ramifications. This has been opposed by some States, on the ground that such a move could infringe their constitutional right to maintain law and order.

(e): Given the legal and constitutional issues involved in the proposal, it would be difficult to indicate a time frame for a final decision on this proposal.